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1. FORMER ACTING HEAD OF TRADE STATISTICS OFFICE OF BOARD OF CUSTOMS, OLAVI PIHLMAN, HAS BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF ACQUISITION AND PASSING OF INFORMATION THAT "IN VIEW OF FINLAND'S ECONOMIC INTERESTS SHOULD BE KEPT SECRET FROM ALIEN POWERS." NAME OF COUNTRY RECEIVING INFORMATION HAS NEVER BEEN OFFICIALLY MENTIONED BUT PRESS ASSUMES, ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE, IT IS SOVIET UNION. THE HELSINKI COURT OF APPEALS DECISION WAS REPORTED IN FINNISH PRESS APRIL 27, ALONG WITH COURT'S SENTENCING OF PIHLMAN TO ONE YEAR AND TEN MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT. THE FOUR MONTHS AND TWO DAYS THAT PIHLMAN WAS HELD IN CUSTODY DURING TRIAL PROCESS WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM HIS SENTENCE.

2. THE TRIAL AGAINST PIHLMAN HAD BEEN HELD IN SECRET WITH NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON THE CASE UNTIL NOW.

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3. HELSINGIN SANOMAT EDITORIAL APRIL 28 APPLAUDED COURT'S DECISION TO MAKE ITS FINDINGS AND SENTENCING PUBLIC, AND HOPED THAT THIS MOVE IN DIRECTION OF MORE PUBLICITY WAS AN INDICATION OF BASIC CHANGE IN ATTITUDE ON SUCH MATTERS.

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